

**Washington, DC** - Rep. Bruce Braley (D-Iowa) visited MET Transit in Waterloo today to discuss the work he is doing in Washington D.C. to create jobs and strengthen Iowa's economy. MET Transit received \$1.6 million in Recovery Act funds to replace five buses with newer, more fuel-efficient ones. MET Transit was forced to dispose of five buses in October due to major mechanical issues.

"We've been working day and night in Washington to strengthen the economy and create more jobs for Iowa's middle class families," Braley said. "I'm proud to be here today to see firsthand the impact Recovery Act funds are having on Iowa's communities. Because of the Recovery Act, MET Transit was able to purchase five buses-buses that are union made here in the US and that will be able to run on Iowa-produced biofuels-to help working Iowans get to and from work every day."

In December, Braley voted to pass the Jobs for Main Street Act. The bill will create or save jobs with targeted investments of \$75 billion for highways and transit, school renovations, hiring teachers, police and fire fighters, small business, job training and affordable housing - key drivers of economic growth. These investments are fully paid for by redirecting TARP funds from Wall Street to Main Street. Braley and his colleagues fought to include strong Buy America provisions in the legislation to ensure the bill creates and keeps jobs in America.

For more information, visit <http://Braley.house.gov>